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State of Pennsylvania. } ss.
City & County of Philadelphia. }

Harold P. Newlin - duly sworn. says, That he is a member of the Bar & Deputy Prothy of Supreme Court and resides in the City of Philadelphia That on Friday - December 3rd 1886. he called at the U.S. Mint to purchase some proof sets, That he was informed that the Medal Clerk was out but was furnished the proof sets by one of the Gentlemen, who took charge of the Medal Clerk's desk, during his absence, Deponent, being desirous of having a certain Grant Medal size 64, Struck in Silver - made some inquiries concerning same and was informed by a Gentleman in the Medal department, that the cost depended upon the weight, the Gentleman who was ~~who was~~ very courteous and polite, sent the Medal to the Eckfeldt & word was brought back that it would take about 19½ oz of Silver. The Gentleman in Medal department said he thought it would cost about 25% of the intrinsic value of the Medal to have it Struck. but advised Deponent to call to see the Medal Clerk (who was then out) who would tell him Exactly the cost.

That Deponent called the following morning, Saturday, December 4th 1886. at about 11 A.M. at the Medal room, The Medal Clerk was not in, but was sent for. Deponent said in Effect. That he had called to ascertain the cost of Striking said Medal in Silver as he desired one in that metal. Medal Clerk

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replied very gruffly - "That he would not strike one for deponent" Deponent stated that he had been informed that it was the custom to so strike them, & asked very politely and quietly, what the reason for the refusal was, Clerk replied "That if deponent got one in silver, how would any one know which was the original (Leaving an impression upon deponent's mind, that Clerk intimated that deponent would possibly try to palm it off as the original) Deponent replied that as the medal was struck under act of Congress & presented to Gen. Grant in Gold, the objection would not lie. To this the Clerk made no reply - Deponent then asked why he could not have it done, Clerk replied "That's my business, & "You can't come here to bull doze me." and "that he would not have any of his (deponents) impertinence." Clerk further said. inter alia. "Go to the Superintendent and taking up a paper & putting it before his face, he stated that he "had nothing more to say to deponent." Deponent quietly observed in effect that the only impertinence had been used by the Clerk. and started to leave the room. Clerk then said - "What's the matter with outside! (&) There's room out side, aint there - and I'll meet you outside. This he repeated - Deponent quietly replied. "That he would be extremely sorry to meet him (Clerk) under any circumstances whatever."

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and immediately reported the interview to the Hon D. M. Fox Supt of the Mint.
Deponent further avers that he has never been treated with such discourtesy by an Official.
That upon a prior visit to the Medal Dept in 1886. he was accompanied by Dr E. Maris 1106 Pine St. Phila - Deponent purchased some proof coins. he asked for a gold Dollar of 1886. Clerk replied, "he had none" - Deponent then asked; when there would be more coined - Clerk replied "He dident know. Deponent then asked if Clerk could tell him about how many had been struck. Clerk replied. "Thats my business" and. "I don't know if I did I wouldent tell you" - That the above conversations were carried on by the Clerk in an insolent manner and with an aggressive demeanor and tone of voice.
That deponent having called upon two other occasions for Gold proof coins - found that they were kept in a small box unwrapped, lying one upon the other and in consequence scratched and abused. That deponent respectfully submits the above facts to the attention of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint and desires that some action be taken upon them. Deponent further avers that he does not nor did he ever know said Clerk or have any dealings with him, except purchasing proof coins. Deponent further avers that he has heard that Clerk's manner was disagreeable

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and was informed by a Gentleman residing in Philadelphia - who had bought similar property, that said Gentleman considered the Clerk entirely unfit for his position & that he ought to be discharged. That while deponent does not ask for nor desire the discharge of said Official from the Mint, He does respectfully request that the manner of conducting the business at the medal desk be radically changed.

Sworn to & subscribed before me - this 7th December A. D. 1886.
W. W. Dougherty.
Notary Public.
11 North Juniper St.

Harold P. Newlin.

Affidavit of Harold P. Newlin dated Dec. 7. 1886. relating to conduct of Medal Clerk.

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